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Coalition Forces conduct air assault raid on known AIF locations

AD Duluiyah, Iraq (May 20, 2006) – Friday night at 11 p.m., Coalitions Forces conducted an air assault raid on several known anti-Iraqi forces locations south of the village Ad Duluiyah, in an area known as the Jabouri Peninsula.

The Jabouri Peninsula is the site of April's Operation Cowpens, a month-long mission to exploit large amounts of weapons, ammunition, artillery, mortars, and other IED making materials.

The operation consisted of air assault raids on a series of priority targets, followed immediately by a ground assault against additional locations also known for AIF activity.

Eleven suspected insurgents were detained during the operation. One house caught fire after an explosive breach was used. All occupants were safely evacuated from the building without injury. No locals or CF were injured or killed in this operation. The mission was considered a large success because it continued the coalition's goal of providing security for the local population.

"OPN COWPENS seriously hampered the AIF activity in this area," said a military spokesman. "(But) we have seen a gradual increase in attacks on ISF and CF over the past month. That activity, coupled with reports of enemy presence in the peninsula, led to our operation today,"

Facts:

- CF Personnel: 120
- # of Vehicles: 22
- # of Aircraft: 2x AWT

- Pre-Planned Fires: None
- Nearest City: Ad Duluiyah